

Thursday, September 6, 2007

House Meets At...	Votes Predicted At...
10:00 a.m. For Legislative Business	Last Vote: Afternoon
Ten "One-minutes" Per Side	

Any anticipated Member absences for votes this week should be reported to the Office of the Majority Whip at 226-3210.

Floor Schedule and Procedure

- **H. Res. 633—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2786 - Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination reauthorization Act of 2007 (Rep. McGovern-Rules):** The open rule with a preprinting requirement provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule makes in order only those amendments to the bill that are pre-printed in the *Congressional Record* or are pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Debate on the rule will be managed by Rep. McGovern, and consideration will proceed in the following order:
 - One hour of debate on the rule.
 - Possible vote on a Democratic motion to move the previous question. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on the motion.**
 - Vote on adoption of the rule. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on adoption of the rule**
- **H.R. 2786 - Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007 (Rep. Kildee-Financial Services):** Pursuant to the rule, debate on the bill will be managed by Financial Services Committee Rep. Barney Frank, or his designee, and will proceed as follows:
 - One hour of debate on the bill.
 - Debate and votes on amendments to the bill.
 - Possible debate and vote on a Republican motion to recommit the bill.
 - Vote on passage of the bill. **Democrats are urged to vote yes on final passage.**

Bill Summary and Key Issues

H.R. 2786 - Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007

H.R. 2786 reauthorizes the Native American Housing Assistance Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) for five years and amends the law to address housing needs in Indian Country. NAHASDA was first approved in 1996 and reorganized and simplified the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) system of housing assistance to American Indians and Alaska Natives by eliminating several separate HUD programs and replacing them with a single block grant program made directly to tribes. The purpose of NAHASDA is to provide Federal assistance for Indian tribes in a manner that recognizes the right of tribal self-governance.

H.R. 2786 clarifies rules and regulations that apply to NAHASDA to remove regulatory burdens and make it easier for tribes to execute their Indian Housing Plans pursuant to NAHASDA. The bill also attempts to encourage tribes to participate in low income housing tax credit projects and the Title VI loan guarantee program, and to compete for HOME funds. H.R. 2786 also creates a self- determination-housing program to allow tribes to make independent decisions regarding the use of a portion of their NAHASDA grant to acquire, rehabilitate, and construct housing.

Quote of the Day

"The frog does not drink up the pond in which he lives."
-Native American Proverb

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